

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure.**

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In a load handling apparatus for a counterbalance type forklift, a single tiltable operating lever is disposed on a body of the forklift, a mast which is tiltable in an anteroposterior direction is disposed on the forklift, a liftable fork is disposed on the mast, and a tilting speed of the mast and lifting and lowering speeds of the fork are controlled by a degree of opening of a solenoid proportional control valve, the degree of opening being proportional to a tilting angle of the operating lever, ~~wherein a number of the operating lever disposed on the body is one, and the operation of a switch, which is attached to the operating lever, and the apparatus comprises a controller which performs controls in at the following manner: when the operating lever is tilted under a state where the switch is operated, a signal for tilting the mast is output; when only the operating lever is operated, a signal for lifting or lowering the fork is output; and, when the switch is changed to a inactive condition under a state where the operating lever is in an tilting operation condition, actions of lifting and lowering the fork are disabled unless the operating lever is returned to a neutral condition.~~